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SUMMARY: PROSPECTIVE SOVIET EMIGRANT IVAN IVANOVICH STOYANOV  
AND TWO OF HIS SONS, WHOSE CASE WAS INCLUDED ON  
REP LIST 18, VISITED EMBASSY FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE  
HOURS MARCH 16. AFTER CONSOFF ESCORTED THEM INTO EMBASSY  
FOR DISCUSSION OF LATEST (FEB 7) REFUSAL IN THEIR CASE,  
STOYANOV'S ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO REMAIN IN EMBASSY UNTIL  
EITHER THEIR CASE WAS RESOLVED OR THEY GAINED SUFFICIENT  
PUBLICITY TO FORCE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO LET THEM GO.  
AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR  
AND CONSOFF IN WHICH THEY WERE ASSURED OF EMBASSY'S CON-  
TINUED EFFORTS ON THEIR BEHALF, STOYANOV'S RELUCTANTLY  
LEFT EMBASSY. WE BELIEVE THAT STOYANOV'S ARE DETERMINED  
AND DESPERATE PEOPLE WHO ARE LIKELY AGAIN TO BE  
INVOLVED IN ACCESS INCIDENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IVAN IVANOVICH STOYANOV AND HIS SONS, YURIY  
AND ALEKSANDR, VISITED EMBASSY MARCH 16 TO DISCUSS  
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THEIR CASE. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT STOYANOV  
AND ANOTHER OF HIS FOUR SONS, NIKOLAI, WERE INVOLVED  
IN A SERIOUS EMBASSY ACCESS INCIDENT IN MARCH 1975  
(75 MOSCOW 4239). STOYANOV AND HIS FAMILY SUB-  
SEQUENTLY RECEIVED EMIGRATION INVITATION FROM HIS  
WIFE'S SISTER WHO LIVES IN U.S. THEY WERE INCLUDED  
ON REP LIST 18, AND EMBASSY RAISED CASE INDIVIDUAL

REPRESENTATIONS AT MFA AND DUSHANBE OVIR DURING 1976.

2. DESPITE THESE REPRESENTATIONS, STOYANOV TOLD US THAT FAMILY WAS AGAIN REFUSED FEBRUARY 7. THEY SUBSEQUENTLY VISITED OVIR AND WERE TOLD THAT ISSUANCE OF EXIT VISAS TO THEM WOULD BE "BAD EXAMPLE" FOR OTHERS WHO MIGHT ALSO WANT TO EMIGRATE. STOYANOV AND HIS FAMILY GAVE UP HOPE AFTER LAST REFUSAL AND, AFTER GAINING ADMISSION TO EMBASSY, TOLD US THAT THEY HAD DECIDED TO CREATE AN INCIDENT AT EMBASSY THAT WOULD ATTRACT PUBLICITY TO THEIR CASE.

3. CONSOFF MET STOYANOV AND SONS OUTSIDE EMBASSY AND ESCORTED THEM THROUGH MILITIA GUARDS WITHOUT INCIDENT. STOYANOV THEN STATED THAT HE AND HIS SONS INTENDED TO REMAIN IN EMBASSY UNTIL EITHER THEIR CASE WAS RESOLVED OR SUFFICIENT PUBLICITY WAS GENERATED TO CAUSE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO LET THEM GO. THEY POINTED OUT THAT NO ONE IN FAMILY HAS WORKED FOR TWO YEARS AND THEIR SCARCE RESOURCES ARE BEING QUICKLY EXPENDED. ACCORDING TO STOYANOV, HIS WIFE IS SERIOUSLY ILL BUT HAS BEEN DENIED ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE BECAUSE OF FAMILY'S DESIRE TO EMIGRATE. YURIY STOYANOV STATED THAT FAMILY IS SUBJECT TO CONSTANT HARASSMENT FROM AUTHORITIES AND NEIGHBORS AND HE HAS BEEN SUMMONED FOR INDUCTION TO ARMY. IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE FAILURE TO DATE OF NORMAL EMIGRATION APPLICATIONS, STOYANOV AND HIS SONS HAD DECIDED THAT ONLY BY STAGING AN INCIDENT AT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY COULD SUFFICIENT PRESSURE BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON SOVIET AUTHORITIES.

4. DURING LENGTHY INTERVIEW, CONSOFF ASSURED STOYANOV AND SONS OF EMBASSY'S INTENTION TO CONTINUE RAISING CASE AND OF THE INTEREST OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY IN THE PROBLEMS OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN USSR. CONSOFF EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSY COULD NOT ALLOW STOYANOV AND HIS SONS TO STAY AND THAT CREATION OF AN INCIDENT WOULD NOT HELP EITHER STOYANOV FAMILY OR EMBASSY. STOYANOV LISTENED POLITELY BUT REMAINED DETERMINED TO STAY AND ASKED TO SPEAK WITH AMBASSADOR OR HIS DEPUTY.

5. EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR THEN MET STOYANOV FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR. HE STATED THAT AMBASSADOR HAD REVIEWED CASE AND WE WOULD CONTINUE TO RAISE IT WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES. MOREOVER EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT FAMILY REUNIFICATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT OF HIGH

LEVEL CONTACT WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES. POLITICAL COUNSELOR THEN TRANSMITTED AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST THAT STOYANOV AND SONS DEPART EMBASSY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT INCIDENT COULD REDUCE CHANCES OF FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF CASE, EMBARRASS EMBASSY ON EVE OF SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT, AND CAUSE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO RESTRICT ACCESS BY SOVIET CITIZENS TO EMBASSY.

6. STOYANOV AND SONS REMAINED FIRM FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR, BUT FINALLY AGREED TO DEPART EMBASSY. THE ELDER STOYANOV FINALLY PREVAILED UPON HIS SONS WHO NEVER WAVERED IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO STAY. PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FROM EMBASSY, STOYANOV AND SONS ASKED THAT LETTER THEY LEFT BE TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND THAT FACTS OF THEIR CASE BE TRANSMITTED TO CSCE COMMISSION. THEY THEN RELUCTANTLY LEFT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFTER STAY OF APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS. STOYANOV TELEPHONED CONSOFF ONE HOUR LATER TO REPORT THAT MILITIA GUARDS HAD DETAINED THEM UPON DEPARTURE FROM EMBASSY BUT THAT ALL THREE STOYANOVs HAD BEEN RELEASED.

7. DESPITE THEIR DECISION TO DEPART, STOYANOV AND HIS SONS ARE DETERMINED AND DESPERATE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO TAKE DIRECT ACTION TO CHALLENGE SOVIET AUTHORITIES. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT THERE IS STRONG PROBABILITY THAT IF THEIR CASE IS NOT RESOLVED FAVORABLY IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE THEY MAY RETURN AND BE INVOLVED EITHER IN VIOLENT ACCESS INCIDENT OR SIT-IN AT EMBASSY. TOON

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